

104<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 2046

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 17, 1995

Mr. REED introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Aquaculture Employ-  
3 ment Investment Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. AQUACULTURE IN THE COASTAL ZONE.**

5 Section 309(a) of the Coastal Zone Management Act  
6 of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1456b(a)) is amended by adding at  
7 the end the following new paragraph:

8 “(9) Adoption of procedures and policies to  
9 evaluate and facilitate the siting of public and pri-  
10 vate aquaculture facilities in the coastal zone which  
11 will enable States to formulate, administer, and im-  
12 plement strategic plans for marine aquaculture.”.

13 **SEC. 3. THE NANTUCKET PROGRAM.**

14 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.—There is estab-  
15 lished within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Ad-  
16 ministration a marine aquaculture development program  
17 to be known as the Nantucket Program (in this section  
18 referred to as the “Program”). The purpose of the Pro-  
19 gram is to expand coastal economic opportunities through  
20 activities that provide job training, technical assistance,  
21 and employment opportunities in marine aquaculture,  
22 transplant, and relay operations.

23 (b) GRANTS.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the availability of  
25 appropriations, the Secretary of Commerce (in this  
26 section referred to as the “Secretary”) shall provide

1 grants under the Program to eligible coastal commu-  
2 nities to develop marine aquaculture training and  
3 support activities that contribute to achieving the  
4 purpose of the Program set forth in subsection (a).

5 (2) GRANT ELIGIBILITY.—A coastal community  
6 shall be an eligible coastal community under para-  
7 graph (1) if the Secretary determines that the com-  
8 munity meets the criteria issued under paragraph  
9 (3).

10 (3) ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA.—The Secretary  
11 shall issue guidelines and criteria for determining  
12 whether a coastal community is an eligible coastal  
13 community under paragraph (1).

14 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For  
15 grants under subsection (b) there are authorized to be ap-  
16 propriated to the Secretary \$6,000,000 for each of fiscal  
17 years 1996, 1997, and 1998.

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